

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: JANUARY 5, 2010

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: T&ES STAFF

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #5: CIP UPDATE

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Each year the City Manager presents a proposed City Budget to the City Council for consideration and action. As part of the budget process, a ten-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is developed programming funding for major capital projects in the City. Funding for CIP comes from the City's general fund, grants and other non-City sources of funding including developer contributions.

As part of the Council's Strategic Plan, one of the objectives is to *develop local, reliable funding mechanisms to support a fiscally constrained transportation plan*. This year a Commercial Real Estate Tax is being considered that would be a dedicated source of funding for transportation projects. If enacted, the tax will provide additional funding for transportation projects, beyond what would be funded through the City budget.

The City Manager is scheduled to present his FY 2012 budget to the City Council on February 8, 2011. The Transportation Commission will review the proposed project list and provide input to staff for the City Manager's consideration in the preparation of the budget. In the spring, a series of public hearings on the CIP and the tax rate will be held as well as a number of budget worksessions prior to the May adoption of the budget.